

REMARKS

Claims 8-13 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1-7 have been canceled, and new claims 8-13 have been added to more completely define the invention. No new matter has been added.

In response to the Examiner's election of species requirement, Applicants hereby elect the species of Species (a) (Figures 1-5) on which at least claims 8-13 are readable, with traverse. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's indication that there are no generic claims. Applicants submit that claim 8 is generic to all species. Applicants reserve the opportunity to file Divisional Applications for the non-elected species later.

New claim 8 is supported by the original specification, at least from page 40, line 15, to page 41, line 10; page 43, lines 2-16; from page 44, line 16, to page 46, line 1; and from page 46, line 18, to page 47, line 7. New claim 9 is supported by the original specification, at least from page 38, line 26, to page 39, line 12; page 42, lines 3-14; page 46, line 18, to page 47, line 2.

It is noted that an exemplary feature of the present invention is to realize a highly precise and stable tilt servo. In order to achieve such an exemplary feature of the invention, a pre-processing is performed to correct a reference tilt (possibly caused by an error such as an attachment deviation of a shaft mounting an optical pickup). After the pre-processing, a fine adjustment is performed to adjust another tilt caused by a disc warpage or the like.

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

It is noted that the claim amendments herein are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims, or for any statutory requirements of patentability.

Further, it is noted that, notwithstanding any claim amendments made herein, Applicants' intent is to encompass equivalents of all claim elements, even if amended herein or later during prosecution.

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Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A conditional petition is made for any extension of time which may become necessary. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees for such extension and to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,



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